

REMARKS

Formal Matters

Applicant appreciates that claims 11 and 12 have overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §101, and that the rejection is withdrawn.

Claims 1-12 are pending in the application. Claims 5-8 are cancelled herein.

Rejection of Claims 5 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 5 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Venkatesan et al, U.S. Patent 6,801,999 in view of Krause et al., U.S. Patent 6,070,198. Applicant herein cancels claims 5 and 6.

Rejection of Claims 7 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 7 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Venkatesan et al, cited above, in view of Krause et al., U.S. Patent cited above, and further in view of Wu et al., U.S. Patent 6,700,991. Applicant herein cancels claims 7 and 8.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates that claims 1-4 and 9-12 are allowed.

Conclusion

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this Amendment, or regarding the Application generally, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney.

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